

The Daily Courant.

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From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated August 6.

Modena, July 12.

THE Duke of Vendome, who came to San Benedetto to confer with the Prince of Vaudemont, is return'd to Due Castelli 5 Leagues from Mantua, where his Body of Troops is at present encamp'd. The Imperialists are strengthening the Fortifications of Concordia and Mirandola, and the French are at Work in making a Canal to carry the Secchia into the Panaro, in order to divert the Course of that River through the Mirandolan, and by that means facilitate the taking of Concordia and Mirandola, which they design to besiege.

Mantua, July 13. We have Advice that General Vaubonne has rejoyn'd the Army of the Imperialists, after having reinforc'd the Garrison of Trent, and dispos'd Troops in proper Posts, to oppose the Passage of the French. The Elector of Bavaria, who some days ago gave the Duke of Vendome notice of his arrival at Inspruck, has sent Advice that he has order'd some Troops towards the Brenner Mountains to possess themselves of a Passage into the Trentin, and that he is in want of a Reinforcement of French Troops. On this Advice, and on the reiterated Orders of the Court of France, 20 Battallions and 25 Squadrons are about to be detach'd on that Expedition, and are to be commanded by Monsieur de Bezons: The Lieutenant Generals and Majors General that are to serve under him are nominated: And 'tis said the Duke of Vendome will march with 10 other Battallions and as many Squadrons to facilitate the March of this Detachment as far as Trent. But 'tis believ'd he cannot be going till towards the 20th or 25th of this Month.

Venice, July 14. The Imperial Succours which came by the way of Premolano, arriv'd some days ago in the Camp at Ostiglia; viz. 1764 Troopers all well mounted, 694 Horse Hussars; and 1500 Horses, with Baggage. On their arrival, the Regiment of Nigrelli was detach'd from the Camp to go to Rivoli, and reinforce the Troops in the Trentin. The Blockade of Bersello is continued, but the Garrison has lately receiv'd considerable Supplies of Corn, Cattle, and salted Flesh. 'Tis just now advis'd, That General Vaubonne is arriv'd in the Camp at Ostiglia, and that the Parties he sent out from time to time made a great Booty in their Excursions. They write from Trent that Intrenchments are thrown up for securing the Passes into that Country, which are likewise defended with Cannon and 3000 Men commanded by General Guttenstein, who caus'd a Bavarian Commissary, sent to settle Contributions, to be seiz'd; and that, besides the Troops that are coming from Carinthia, General Solari was advanc'd with 6000 Men. The same Letters say, that the Elector of Bavaria, since his arrival at Inspruck, having met with resistance in the Passage of the Brennerberg, had attempted that of Fistermuntz situate near the Inn, by 2500 Men under 2 French General Officers; but that their March being discover'd by the Peasants of the

Valleys of Prutz and Landech, they took Arms and posted themselves on the Mountains, and while the Bavarians were advancing with their Baggage through a narrow Way, they roll'd down Stones upon them and fir'd upon them with their small Arms, kill'd 2000, among them a General Officer, and took a Lieutenant Colonel and 30 other Officers Prisoners, with 80 Soldiers, 60 Horses, and the Baggage. Since this Action several thousand Grisons are advanc'd to their Confines, to back the Peasants; who in another Skirmish have kill'd 400 Bavarians.

Letters from Versailles of the 18th of July which come by the Neutral Countries, tell us; that the Ambassador of Portugal has had a private Audience of the King, and afterwards dispatch'd an extraordinary Courier to Lisbon. 'Tis said the Court will wait the return of that Courier, before they take any Resolution on the Subject of the Alliance between his Portuguese Majesty and the Confederates; mean time 'tis generally discours'd that Minister will retire very shortly. The Articles of the Alliance of which we have been speaking, have been divulg'd at Court, and import, that the Arch-Duke Charles of Austria is to go to Lisbon and marry the Infanta of Portugal; and that the King of Portugal has oblig'd himself to acknowledge the Arch-Duke for King of Spain, and not to lay down his Arms till he is fix'd in that Throne. Besides the Commissions that are given out for raising 30 Regiments of Foot, there is a Talk of levying 20 Regiments of Horse and Dragoons.

From Paris they write, That Count Wallenstein, Prisoner in the Chateau de Vincennes, being allow'd the Liberty of coming to that City when he pleases, on his Parole, appears there daily. The Count de Thoulouse is not yet set out for Thoulon, nor is there any certainty of the Day of his departure, which gives some occasion for doubting whether he will go at all or not. Monsieur de la Harpe sail'd from Brest a few days ago, with 2 Men of War of 60 Guns each, which have been joyn'd by 2 others of less Force from Port Louis. 'Tis suppos'd he is gone to meet some Ships which are expected from the Indies and China. They talk, but without certainty, that the Prince of Conti will command in Spain, that most of the Troops that are in the Se-vennes will be order'd thither, and that their room will be supply'd by some of those in Italy. The Court has receiv'd Advice, that the Emperor, on the pressing Instances that were made to him, has consented that the Arch-Duke his Son shall go to Portugal, and that Preparations are actually making for his Voyage. From Flanders they write, that the Marquess de Bedmar is indispos'd both of the Gout and of a Fever; the Count de Guiscard has the Command of the Troops of Spain during the Marquess's Illness.

One of the French Prints that came in the last Mail from Holland, has the following Article.

Letters from Nancy advise, that one Monsieur de St. Remel was arriv'd at Paris, and had represented to the Court, That as his Kinsman Monsieur d'Anjac

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was going to Beaucaire with a Sum of Money under a strong Guard to pay the King's Troops; on the Way, the Camisars defeated the Guard killing 200 of them; took the Money; hang'd 5 Officers and 14 Soldiers; but spar'd Monsieur d'Aujac who was taken with them, set him at Liberty, and gave him a Certificate specifying the Sum they took; which he brought to the Marshal de Montrevel; who suspecting foul Play, and that there was some Intelligence between Monsieur d'Aujac and the Camisars, has order'd him to be taken into Custody. Now, Monsieur de St. Remel is soliciting his Kinsman's Enlargement, or at least that he may not be tried in Languedoc; apprehending the cruel Temper of the Intendant and of the Marshal de Montrevel.

A Private Letter from the Hague assures us, that this Story comes from very good Hands in Paris, and deserves Credit; and gives us these further Particulars, that the Convoy consisted of 8 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, that 230 of them were kill'd and 180 wounded, that the Sum taken by the Camisars was 230000 Crowns, and that it was design'd to pay the Marshal de Montrevel's Army 3 Months Arrears.

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